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1. Equipment Acquired.

The following list describes all equipment actually acquired by name, manufacturer and cost. The purchased equipment was identical to that requested in our final revised equipment listed dated May 22, 1987. An alternative system with greater capability and similar price was substituted for the requested Tektronix System because the vendor was unable to provide the necessary software.

Item Purchased

7 PS/2 Computer Systems
1 8-Stimulation Interface
10 Model E17-72 Stimulation Isolators
5 Oscilloscopes

Manufacturer

IBM	13,517
Coulbourn	27,460
Coulbourn	15,129
Tektronics	<u>6,501</u>
Total Expense	62,607
Cost Sharing	(12,521)

Cost

Grant Expenditure \$50,086

2. Equipment Usage.

All equipment has been used for on-line experimental control, data collection, and data analysis functions. In this work, we are investigating the adaptive rules used by mammalian brain cells in the mediation of intelligent behavior. The research is based on the assumption that human intelligence has evolved from the goal-seeking brain functions of lower forms, and that these functions in turn depend on a capacity for behavior to be strengthened or rewarded by its consequences (positive reinforcement). We furthermore assume that positive reinforcement of the intact organism is physiologically mediated at the level of the single neuron, rather than at the level of the multi-neuronal assembly or network. The equipment is being used in the performance of experiments designed to investigate whether individual cellular activity can be reinforced by locally applied electrical or chemical stimulation, and, if so, to establish the physiological and biochemical properties of such cellular reinforcements. Experiments are being conducted on single neurons in cell culture, brain tissue slices, and intact brain. The instrumentation enabled us to investigate modification of ionic channels and cellular biochemistry related to reinforcement. In addition, the equipment was used for detailed data analysis and computer modeling.

3. Personnel.

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